

## ABSTRACT

[0033] A system, method and apparatus for enforcing the administration policy of a system. The method can include receiving a request to perform an administrative task directed to a resource within a computing network. Responsive to receiving the request, an administration policy including a set of rules for governing the administrative task can be retrieved as can state data for the resource. Subsequently, the retrieved policy can be applied to the retrieved state data. Consequently, the administrative task can be permitted only if the retrieved state data satisfies the set of rules in the retrieved policy.